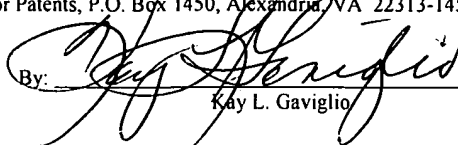




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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Attorney Docket No. GC775-2**

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| In re Application of      | ) | Group Art Unit: 1654        |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The instant amendment is being filed in response to a Final Office Action dated July 10, 2006. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants have concurrently filed a request for continued prosecution along with authorization for payment of appropriate fees and a request for a one-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC775-2).